उर्वरक उद्योग के कार्यकरण को सरल बनाना

629. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव**:

श्री गोपाल सिंह जी. सोलकी:

क्या रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार भारतीय उर्वरक उद्योग के कार्यकरण को सरल बनाने के लिए एक व्यापक विधेयक बनाए पर विचार कर रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या उक्त विधेयक के प्रारूप को अंतिम रूप दे दिया गया है; और

(घ) इसके संसद में कब तक पुरःस्थापित किये जाने की संभावना है और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा.ए.के. पटेल): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Raising the prices of Bulk drugs

630. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have raised the prices of bulk drugs recently;

(b) if so, the names of drugs whose prices have been raised during last six months; and

(c) the rationale behind this price rise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. A.K. PATEL):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rifampicin, Nalidixic Acid, Iodo Choloro Hydroxy Quinoline (ICHQ), Dexamethasone and Dexamethasone Sodium Phosphate.

(c) The price rise was on account of various factors viz. increase in the costs of inputs, change in foreign exchange rates, additional custom duty and MOD VAT as perbudget 1998-99, increase in Labour cost etc.

Gujarat rivers covered under National River Conservation Plan

631. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the rivers included for pollution abatement under the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) in Gujarat, with details thereof;

(b) which are the towns in the state covered under NRCP and funds earmarked for porjects in these towns in 1997-98 and during the Ninth five Year Plan period;

(c) whether work under NRCP has started in the State; and

(d) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) to (d) Pollution abatement of river Sabarmati at Ahmedabad in Gujarat has been included under the National River Conservation Plan. The estimated cost of works approved by Government for this plan is Rs. 98.70 crore. An amount of Rs. 6.50 crore was released by Government as Central grant in 1997-98 for implementation of these works. The total amount released by Government till date is Rs. 11.27 crore. A total provision of Rs. 100 crore is available during the Ninth Five Year Plan for National River Conservation Plan which includes provision for works in Ahmedabad also. Work on the Action Plan has already started in Gujarat. The sewerage works already approved by Government are at an advanced stage. An amount of Rs. 12.12 crore has been spent on the project so far.

"Lifting the ban on Sandal wood Export"

632. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Tamil Nadu has requested to lift the ban on sandalwood export;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(c) the steps taken for future protection of environment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The request of State Government is under consideration.

(c) Following actions are taken for future protection of environment and sandalwood forests:

@ Afforestation programmes are undertaken by State Governments from their own resources as well as with financial assistance from Government of India;

(ii) Externally Aided Projects are being implemented for preservation of forests and forest wealth;

(iii) Guidelines have been issued to all the State Governments to involve village communities in protection and regeneration of degraded forests through Joint Forest Management;

(iv) Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has been enacted to regulate the diversion of forest lands:

Poaching in Nandan Kanan Biological Park and Shimilipal National Park

633. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing incidents of poaching of birds and animals in Nandan Kanan Biological Park and in Shimilipal National Park in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken to stop such illegal activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) No incidents of poaching have been reported from Nandan Kanan Biological Park. The number of animals that are reported to have poached in the Shimilipal National Park during the year 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98 are 10,3 and 1 respectively which indicates that there has not been any increase in the incidents of poaching.

(b) Following steps have been taken to stop poaching:-

(i) 30 units of anti-poaching camps are established,

(ii) Regular patrolling has been done by the mobile units of protection staff, as a result the traditional Akhandsikar has been stopped last year,

(iii) Two platoons of armed police reserve force have been deployed to assist the forest staff in Shimilipal area.

(iv) Awareness among the surrounding villagers are created to help, preserve wildlife with assistance of Non Governmental Organisations.

Electrocution of endangered animal species around Hastinapur bird Sanctuary

634.SHRI RAJNATH SINGH SURYA': Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of endangered species of animals around Hastinapur Bird Sanctuary are being killed by electrocution by villagers;

(b) if so, die details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Govenment to prevent it; and

(d) the number of persons punished in this connection so far and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) and(b) No Sir, during the last four years only six cases of killing of animals by electrocution have been reported.

(c) Patrolling in the area have been intensified to prevent such incidents.

(d) 19 persons were arrested, out of which 7 cases were compounded by the department, remaining 12 persons are undergoing trial in the court.

Killing of Wild Animals

635. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item that appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 8th November, 1998 under the caption "Feast of wild animals— warrant against Minister's crony', wherein it